



## Archdiocese of Saint Louis Archives and Records

### Auxiliary Bishop Charles Roman Koester Records and Papers, 1936-1997

#### Descriptive Summary

**Creators:** Office of the Archbishop, Bishop Charles Roman Koester

**Title:** Bishop Charles Roman Koester Records and Papers

**Dates:** 1936-1997

**Abstract:** The Auxiliary Bishop Charles Roman Koester Records and Papers include official personnel files, personal papers, diaries and calendars, and photographs. Materials cover 1936-1997.

**Extent:** 2 linear feet (2 boxes)

**Language of Materials:** English, Latin

**Record Group Number:** RG 02 K

#### Access

Folder of correspondence, 1980-1991 (Record EXEC/02/C2000003) in box A196 is restricted. The Archives reserves the right to restrict materials. Please make an appointment to research at the archives. See our website at <http://archstl.org/archives>.

#### Historical Note

**A brief chronology of Bishop Charles Roman Koester's life is as follows:**

1915 September 16	Born in Jefferson City, Missouri to parents John Koester and Anna Helen Schwaller. Siblings were Arthur, Albert, John and Cletus.
1930-1932	Conception Academy High School
1932-1936	Kenrick Preparatory School
1936-1940	North American College, Rome
1940-1941	Kenrick Seminary, Saint Louis

#### *Appointments:*

1941 December 20	Ordained by Archbishop Glennon at Saint Louis Cathedral
1942 January-March	Nativity of Our Lord
1942-1950	Assistant, Saint Ambrose
1950-1956	Assistant, Saint Liborius (1942 March 22-1950)
1956 May-September	Administrator, Saint Michael
1956-1959	Pastor, Saint Michael (1956 September 28- 1959)
1959-1962	Pastor, Saint Ann (1959 November 04 – 1962)
1962-1970	Pastor, Saint Francis de Sales (1962 January 19 – 1970)
1970-1980	Pastor, Saint Joan of Arc (1970 March 05- 1980)
1971 January 05	Named Titular Bishop of Auacia and Auxiliary Bishop of Saint Louis
1971 February 11	Consecrated Bishop of Saint Louis
1980-1982	Pastor, Saint Aloysius (1980 March 28 – 1982)
1982-1990	Pastor, Saint John the Evangelist (1982 May 28 – 1990)
1990	Retired, Resided at Regina Cleri
1997 December 24	Death

#### *Other Positions:*

1943	Chaplain, Civilian Defense
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1945	Youth Activities Coordinator Committee
1946-1947	Teacher, Southside Catholic (Saint Mary's)
1947-1948	Confessor, Saint Margaret's Convent
1951-1954	Confessor, Saint Philip's Convent
1957	Conference Master, Incarnate Word Hospital Sisters
1952	Tribunal Advocate
1960	Synodal Judge, 9 <sup>th</sup> Synod
1961	Spiritual Moderator, Saint Louis District Catholic Union of Missouri
1966-1969	Council of Priests
1969	Archdiocesan School Board Member
1971	Vicar General: Episcopal Vicar of Out-State Parishes
1972-1982	Diocesan Consultor

## Scope and Content

**Series 1: Official Personnel Files** contains records created and collected by the Office of the Archbishop between 1939 and 1997, including the personnel file and appointments of Koester as a priest and bishop, correspondence with Koester, and materials regarding Koester's installation as an auxiliary bishop in 1971 and his funeral in 1997. The contents of files are arranged in reverse chronological order when applicable.

**Series 2: Personal Papers** contains materials that were created and collected by Bishop Koester himself, dated between 1936 and 1989. It includes personal correspondence with friends and family, diaries, personal calendars, sermons and writings, and sports and comical memorabilia. Of notable interest are the correspondence and diaries as a student at North American College in Rome from 1938-1940, covering the early period of World War II. Bishop Koester kept an extensive collection of jokes and comics, a sample of which have been kept. Bishop Koester was also an avid fan of sports with baseball in particular. Photographs, memorabilia and books cover topics including but not limited to the St. Louis Browns baseball team, Yogi Berra, Babe Ruth and Joe Garagiola.

**Series 3: Photographs** contains photographs from circa 1940 to 1995 of major events in Bishop Koester's life, as well as family and personal snapshots. The bulk of the photographs are of Koester's Silver Anniversary Celebration in 1966 and his Episcopal Ordination in 1971. Files are roughly arranged in chronological order.

## Administrative Information

**Provenance:** Office of the Archbishop, Bishop Charles Roman Koester

**Accession:** 1999-010, 2004-006, 2010-069, 2011-028 and unknown

**Processing Note:** Processed by Sarah Wohaska and Rena Schergen, 2016. Some processing may have occurred prior to 2013.



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<b>Artifact</b>	<b>Record Number</b>	<b>EXEC/02/P2000024</b>	<b>Series</b>
Executive - Auxiliary Bishops - Personal Papers - North American College Alumni Association Reunion medal, 1958			Container A4018
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Executive - Auxiliary Bishops - Personal Papers - Bishop Koester, Annual Catholic Appeal Associates of the Archbishop Medal, no date			Container A4018
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Executive - Archbishop and Bishop - Awards and Honors - Koester - Missouri House of Representatives Resolution, 1986 April 17			Container A1292
<b>Document</b>	<b>Record Number</b>	<b>EXEC/01/A2000079</b>	<b>Series 1</b>
Executive - Archbishop and Bishop - Awards and Honors - Pope John Paul II blessing to Bishop Koester, 1991 November 15			Container A1292
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<b>Bound Volume</b> Executive - Auxiliary Bishops - Personal Papers - Super Stars of Baseball (The Sporting News: St. Louis, 1971)	<b>Record Number</b> EXEC/02/P2000016	<b>Series 2</b> Container A197
<b>Bound Volume</b> Executive - Auxiliary Bishops - Personal Papers - Baseball Great Moments by Joseph Reichler (New York: Rutledge Books, 1983)	<b>Record Number</b> EXEC/02/P2000017	<b>Series 2</b> Container A197
<b>Bound Volume</b> Executive - Auxiliary Bishops - Personal Papers - Baseball from a Different Angle by Bob Broeg and William J. Miller, Jr. (South Bend: Diamond Communications, Inc.. 1988)	<b>Record Number</b> EXEC/02/P2000018	<b>Series 2</b> Container A197
<b>Bound Volume</b> Executive - Auxiliary Bishops - Personal Papers - The Artful Dodger by Tommy Lasorda and David Fisher (New York: Arbor House Publishing, 1985)	<b>Record Number</b> EXEC/02/P2000019	<b>Series 2</b> Container A197
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